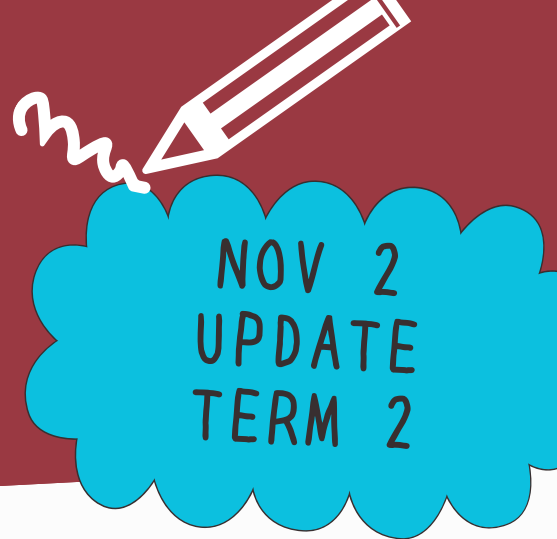


# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S  
NEW?

Parents Evening  
and Nativities

Well, the forecast was right as temperatures have certainly dropped! This week saw winter accessories making their first appearance and many of us setting our alarms a little earlier to begin the seasonal ritual of de-icing the car! Please ensure all coats scarves hats and gloves are named. Alongside the arrival of winter, there has also been the sound of Christmas songs in school as children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 have begun rehearsing for their performances later this term. .

Booking is now open for these performances (book via your Arbor account up until 1st December). From Thursday 4th December any unsold tickets for any of the productions will be offered to parents on a first come, first served basis (up to a maximum of 2 tickets per family). They can be purchased (£2 per ticket), via the school office.

We were delighted at the number of prospective parents who visited the school – we had over 120 people who booked onto school tours and the feedback was very positive stating the calmness around the school, the learning environment and how polite the children were. We are holding an extra school tour session on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

See page 11 of this newsletter for details of how to apply for a primary school place.

It was also lovely to see so many parents attend parents evening last week. Thank you to our Governors who also were there to support the school as well as the Young Carer representatives who were on hand alongside our Governors to answer any questions. Who won the Teddy and the Sweets will be announced at our next Celebration Assembly.

Have a great week

Mr Anscombe



# Attendance matters



Week Ending

7th November

Panda Class 98.7%

Elephant Class 98.00%

Giraffe Class 83.79%

Lion Class 97.67%

Koala Class 93.1%

Tiger Class 97.67%

Zebra Class 97.74%

Week Ending

14th November

Panda Class 99.56%

Elephant Class 94.67%

Giraffe Class 93.1%

Lion Class 98.00%

Koala Class 93.45%

Tiger Class 91.67%

Zebra Class 98.06%

**Whole School  
Attendance  
Target  
97%**

**Whole School  
Attendance  
last Week  
95.34%**

**Whole School  
Attendance  
this year  
95.07%**



# Safeguarding Focus

## What are AI chatbots?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbots – such as ChatGPT, Google Gemini and others are becoming more common in everyday life. Children may encounter them at school, in games or even through websites and apps. While these tools can be useful and fun, it's important for parents to understand how they work, the potential risks and how to keep children safe. AI chatbots are computer programmes that can hold a conversation with a person.

They can:

- answer questions (e.g. helping with homework or explaining a tricky topic).
- spark creativity (e.g. helping write a poem, story or quiz).
- support hobbies and interests (e.g. generating recipe ideas, sports facts or coding tips).
- provide entertainment (e.g. riddles, jokes or role-play style games).

Used wisely, chatbots can be a helpful tool for learning and fun.

### When conversations can become concerning

Although conversations may start out innocent, there are risks to be aware of:

- Unpredictable responses: chatbots sometimes give inaccurate, confusing or inappropriate information.
- Role-play risks: a child may ask the chatbot to pretend to be a friend, character or even a parent figure. This can blur the line between fantasy and reality.
- Sensitive topics: children may explore personal worries with a chatbot and the answers they receive might not always be supportive, accurate or safe.
- Over-reliance: a child might start turning to a chatbot for advice instead of trusted adults.

As ever, if you require any support, guidance or further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of DSL team: Mrs Lomax (Deputy Head); Mr Anscombe (Headteacher); Ms Beckett (SENCO); Amy Taylor (FLO)

All can be contacted via the school office.





On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November we held an X Factor competition to showcase the enormous singing talent we have at Lunsford. Y1 were the official 'warm-up' act and they were joined by a special guest!

The 15 acts that followed not only showed great talent but also tremendous courage. After a hard-fought competition, the trophy went to Arabella, Amelia, Lydia, Lauren and Skye from Zebra Class -well done girls. A special mention also goes to our Panda Class entrants, Ava and Emmie



## Visitors to Zebra Class

Alvin Shaw MBE, a local magistrate, came in to talk to Y6 about the law, the British justice system, prison and courts. The children all learnt lots and asked some brilliant questions. After the session Mr Shaw commented :

It was an absolute delight to talk at your school. The Year 6 pupils were attentive and genuinely interested.

Francis Osei-Appiah visited with his 'Reform, Restore, Respect' workshop about making the right choices based on his own experiences of crime and gangs. Francis explained how his own wrong choices of 'friends' and disastrous personal decisions in his younger years led him to serving 9 years of his late teens and twenties in prison.



## Rail Safety Assembly

Network Rail came into school to lead an assembly about staying safe on the railways and level crossings. The children learnt lots of interesting facts including how heavy trains are and how long they take to stop. Y5 and Y6 had a follow up workshop where they found out more about using trains safely and how dangerous the railway can be.



## Anti-Bullying Assembly

This week we had anti-bullying assembly, in which we had a visit from Reggie the Owl and Lucy, from the 3Rs recruitment agency. The children helped Reggie to think about his diary entries, and whether he had made the right choice when interacting with others. The main focus of the assembly was to help the children know that the "Power of Words" can really make a difference, thinking about the impact our words can have on others, in both a positive and negative light. We hope the children came home to talk to you about this.

Our Year 6 anti-bullying ambassadors met Reggie the Owl afterwards, as did our youngest school members in Panda Class.



## Koala Class Show Assembly

On November 12th, Koala Class held their show assembly. They kicked off the event showing how well they knew their 6 and 9 times tables. Following that, they discussed the environmental impacts of plastic pollution. The next topic covered was World War Two, during which a few students shared letters they had written as evacuees to their parents. Afterward, they delved into science and what they had learned about particles. To conclude, they performed a song in French. What an incredible show - well done Koala Class!



## What a star

Congratulations to Henry C (Tiger Class) who was selected to play in the England Elite football tournament on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The tournament was a great day the team didn't make it through to the semis / finals unfortunately but did very well in the group stages.

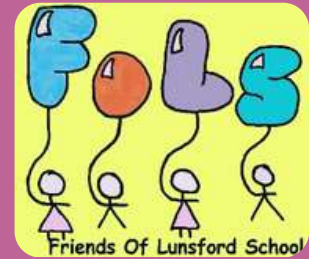
Well done Henry, we are really proud of you.



# Christmas Gift Evening

Our Christmas Gift Evening on 13th November was a wonderful success and the perfect way to kick off this year's FoLS Christmas events. We were delighted to welcome so many parents, friends, and members of the community through the doors to enjoy an evening of Christmas shopping.

A huge thank you goes to the 22 local businesses who joined us on the night. Their stalls were filled with beautiful handmade gifts, seasonal goodies, and unique items—making it easy for visitors to get a head start on their Christmas shopping while supporting our school & local people.



We are thrilled to share that the event raised £348 for the school, a fantastic total that will go directly toward enhancing our children's experiences.

Thank you to everyone who attended, helped organise the event, or supported us in any way. Without your support we could not do these events.



**Xmas Fayre**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**3.15pm - 5.30pm**

Come and join us in the hall for fun and games. Father Christmas will be in site

Does your company or do you know someone who works for a company who offer match funding?

If you are able to help us please contact [fofs2016@outlook.com](mailto:fofs2016@outlook.com)

## Odd Socks Day

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we celebrated Odd Socks Day! Children and staff wore odd socks to mark the start of anti-bullying week and to celebrate what makes us all unique. We had a special assembly and took part in activities in class. Thank you to all those who sent in a donation we raised £61.36 for the Anti Bullying Society.



# Up and coming events

## 26th November 2025

- Inspiration Day.
- Xmas Disco - Infants 5.15pm - 6.15pm/Junior 6.30pm - 7.30pm Tickets and glowsticks available from School Office.

## 27th November 2025

- Fols Wreathmaking Event - please contact FoLS (fols2016@outlook.com) for further information

## 28th November 2025

- Wear your festive wear - Xmas jumpers, party clothes etc. (we will be taking photos that will be available to purchase - further details to follow), and bring items for dads Granddads Uncles and Brothers for the Secrets room. All donation to be handed into class, any glass bottle/ornaments to be handed to the School Office.
- Fols Wreathmaking Event - please contact FoLS (fols2016@outlook.com) for further information

## 3rd December 2025

- Infant Classes to visit secrets room - during school day (Items priced £1.00 - £2.00). Please send any money in a purse or wallet with your child's name and class on it

## 5th December 2025

- Wear your class colour - Rainbow Tombola (further details to follow)
- Junior Classes to visit secrets room- during school day (Items priced £2.00). Please send any money in a purse or wallet with your child's name and class on it.

## 9th December 2025

- School nurses in school for Height and Weight Checks for Year R and Year 6.

## 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- Infant Nativity 9am (Grandparents and pre schooler), tickets available to book via your Arbor account until 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Infant Nativity 9am (No under 12's) tickets available to book via your Arbor account until 1st December.

## 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Infant Nativity 9am (No under 12s's) tickets available to book via your Arbor account until 1st December.

## 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- Own clothes day - bring a bottle for the bottle tombola, all donations to class with the exception of glass and alcohol, please take this to the School Office.
- Christmas Fayre 3.15pm - 5.30pm - please come along for games and fun.

## 17th December 2025

- Christmas Party Day - This will be a non-uniform day, the children can come dressed in party clothes (please ensure the clothes are practical and warm for school). Please complete link below and choose either Christmas Dinner or Packed Lunch, on or before Monday 1st December.

## 18<sup>th</sup> December & 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

- Junior Carol Concerts ticket available from Arbor shortly

# Message from the NHS Immunisation Service

Flu cases among children are rising earlier than usual this year and health experts are warning that this season could be particularly severe. Latest UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) data shows flu activity is three times higher than this time last year, with a sharp increase among school-aged children.

Flu is not just a bad cold. It can make children very unwell and is more likely to lead to complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis and ear infections. In severe cases children may become so unwell they need to be admitted to hospital.

Children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes are at even higher risk. Flu can trigger asthma attacks and make diabetes harder to manage, increasing the risk of serious complications.

## Why vaccination matters

The nasal spray flu vaccine is quick, painless and the best protection against flu for children under 16. Vaccinating your child not only protects them but also helps stop flu spreading to vulnerable family members, such as grandparents or babies.

If your child is unable to have the nasal flu due to medical or cultural reasons, they can have an alternative porcine free injectable option.

## What to do if your child hasn't had the flu vaccine

- Consent for your child's school vaccination [online](#).
- Missed the school session? Book a catch-up appointment at a local [community clinic](#)
- Book a flu injection at a local [community clinic](#) if needed for cultural or medical reasons.
- Children aged two to three years can be vaccinated at our community clinics, at their GP surgery or participating pharmacy.

We may be re-visiting school and will attempt to vaccinate all children who have a yes consent. If your child has been vaccinated at the GP please contact us immediately on 0300 123 5205 as we do not want to duplicate vaccines.

Don't let flu ruin the festive season. Protect your child and your family.

For more information, visit [NHS flu vaccine advice for children](#) or contact [Kent Immunisation Service](#). Vaccines are vital for protecting the population of Kent and Medway; vaccines are the best defence we have against viruses including flu, meningitis, and measles, mumps and rubella. Find more information at [Protecting you](#).

[Please find on the next page a list of up and coming clinics](#)

# Message from the NHS Immunisation Service

Team	Town	Date	Address
East	Herne Bay	Saturday 29th November 2025	St Bartholomew's Church Hall, King Edward Avenue, Herne Bay, CT6 6EB
Maidstone	Aylesford	Saturday 29th November 2025	Maidstone Churchill Centre, Preston Hall, Aylesford, ME20 7NJ
Medway	Strood	Saturday 29th November 2025	Strood Peninsula Methodist Church, Cliffe Road, Strood, ME3 3DY
North	Sevenoaks	Saturday 29th November 2025	Sevenoaks Hospital, Gym (main ground floor) Hospital Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3PG
South	Hawkinge	Saturday 29th November 2025	Hawkinge Community Hall, Heron Forstal Avenue, Hawkinge, CT18 7FP
West	Tonbridge	Saturday 29th November 2025	Tonbridge Cottage Hospital, Vauxhall Lane, Tonbridge, TN11 0NE
Swale	Faversham	Saturday 29th November 2025	West Faversham Community Centre (Community Room), Bysing Wood Road, Faversham, ME13 7RH
East	Margate	Friday 5th December 2025	Northdown Road Family Hub, 15 Zion Place, Margate, CT9 1RP
East	Margate	Saturday 6th December 2025	College Road Clinic, College Road, Dane Valley, Margate, CT9 2RT
Maidstone	Maidstone	Saturday 6th December 2025	Maidstone Heathside Centre, Heath Road, Coxheath, Maidstone, ME17 4AH
Medway	Chatham	Saturday 6th December 2025	Clover Street Clinic, 4 Clover Street, Chatham, ME4 4DT
North	Swanscombe	Saturday 6th December 2025	St Peter & St Paul Church Hall, 112 Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe, DA10 0JZ
South	Dover	Saturday 6th December 2025	Buckland Community Centre, Roosevelt Road, Dover, CT16 2RA, Meeting room

West	Tonbridge	Saturday 6th December 2025	Tonbridge Cottage Hospital, Vauxhall Lane, Tonbridge, TN11 0NE
Swale	Sittingbourne	Saturday 6th December 2025	Teynham Village Hall (committee room), Belle Friday Close, Teynham, Sittingbourne, ME9 9TU
East	Canterbury	Saturday 13th December 2025	Exchange House, Thomas Way, Hersden, Canterbury, CT3 4NH - Clinic Rooms 1 & 2
Maidstone	Maidstone	Saturday 13th December 2025	Maidstone The Vine Church, 12 Northumberland Road, Maidstone, ME15 7LW
Medway	Chatham	Saturday 13th December 2025	Clover Street Clinic, 4 Clover Street, Chatham, ME4 4DT
North	Gravesend	Saturday 13th December 2025	Gravesham Community Hospital, Bath Street, Gravesend, DA11 0DG
South	Ashford	Saturday 13th December 2025	Kennington Scout Hall, Lower Vicarage Lane, Kennington, Ashford, TN24 9AS
Swale	Sheerness	Saturday 13th December 2025	Sheppey Community Hospital, Island Clinic, Plover Road, Sheerness, ME12 3LT
West	Tonbridge	Saturday 13th December 2025	Tonbridge Cottage Hospital, Vauxhall Lane, Tonbridge, TN11 0NE

## Lest We Forget

### Remembrance Day

On Tuesday as a whole school we held a minutes silence at 11.00am for Remembrance Day.

Thank you to Zebra Class who helped sell poppies on the playground before and after school. Classes also spent time learning about Remembrance Day on the 11/11 and produced these amazing displays



Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2026

Apply online at

[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at  
midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026

For children born between  
1 September 2021  
and 31 August 2022,  
Transferring to Primary school  
in September 2026

## What to do

### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 7 November 2025** and closes at midnight on **Thursday 15 January 2026**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

### Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Thursday 16 April 2026**) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Thursday 30 April 2026**.

A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

## Key dates

<b>Friday 7 November 2025</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Thursday 15 January 2026</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlinedmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlinedmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Thursday 16 April 2026</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Thursday 30 April 2026</b>	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
<b>Wednesday 13 May 2026</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.





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Lanyards available £1.00  
purchase via your  
Arbour shop)

Tickets £2.50  
includes a drink &  
snack book via your  
Arbor account

Infants 5.15pm - 6.15pm  
Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm

# Christmas Disco



26th November 2025

## Medway Foodbank logo competition 2025

**We need your help to create a new logo for us...**

### Help in the Community/Medway Foodbank



**Closing date – January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**How to get your entry to us:**

- Your school can contact us and we can collect all entries or deliver to us at our warehouse/office address – see below
- Scan and email your logo to us at [logo@medway.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:logo@medway.foodbank.org.uk)
- Post them to:

**Medway Foodbank,  
Unit 26, Riverside 1,  
Sir Thomas Longley Road,  
Rochester,  
ME2 4DP  
01634 757057**

**We will be in touch to invite finalists to a special celebration to receive your prize so please make sure you include the following information with your logo:**

**Name/School/Contact number/Age**

Some examples of other logos of to help you...

